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a rigid [volume reservoir] tube, the [volume reservoir] tube having an outer surface; and,  
a vent in fluid communication with the [reservoir] tube, the vent having a filter made of  
expanded polytetrafluoroethylene (ePTFE), wherein the pore size of the filter ranges from greater  
than .45  $\mu\text{m}$  to about 5.0  $\mu\text{m}$ , the filter being flush with the outer surface of the [volume  
reservoir] tube.

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Please cancel claim 2 without prejudice.

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3. (Amended) The drip chamber of claim [2] 1 wherein the pore size of the filter is about 3  
 $\mu\text{m}$ .

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5. (Amended) A drip chamber in a cerebral spinal fluid (CSF) drainage system comprising:  
a [volume reservoir] tube having an outer surface; and,  
a vent in fluid communication with the [reservoir] tube, the vent having a filter made of a  
hydrophobic porous material wherein the pore size of the filter ranges from greater than .45  $\mu\text{m}$  to  
about 5.0  $\mu\text{m}$ .

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Please cancel claims 13 - <sup>22</sup>~~23~~ without prejudice.

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Please add claims ~~62~~ - ~~74~~ as follows:

~~62.~~ A drip chamber in a cerebral spinal fluid (CSF) drainage system comprising:  
a tube having an outer surface, and,  
a vent in fluid communication with the tube, the vent having a filter made of a porous material wherein the pore size of the filter is about 3  $\mu\text{m}$ .

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~~63.~~ The drip chamber of claim 62 wherein the porous material is expanded polytetrafluoroethylene (ePTFE).

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~~64.~~ The drip chamber of claim 62 wherein the porous material is a hydrophobic material.

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~~65.~~ The drip chamber of claim 62 wherein the vent has a surface area ranging from about 0.8  $\text{cm}^2$  to about 5.0  $\text{cm}^2$ .

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~~66.~~ The drip chamber of claim 62 wherein the filter is flush with the outer surface of the tube.

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~~67.~~ The drip chamber of claim 66 wherein the vent is integral with the outer surface of the tube.

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~~68.~~ The drip chamber of claim 62 wherein the tube is rigid.